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H. Res. 629, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1815) and (H.R. 3624) was agreed to yesterday, October 16th.

Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Elijah E. Cummings: The House agreed to H. Res. 635, expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Elijah E. Cummings. **Page H8225**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8220, H8220–21, H8221–22, and H8224. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 3:08 p.m., pursuant to House Resolution 635, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Friday, October 18, 2019, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Elijah E. Cummings.

Committee Meetings

TO REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF USDA FARM BILL RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research held a hearing entitled “To Review Implementation of USDA Farm Bill Research Programs”. Testimony was heard from Scott Hutchins, Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, Department of Agriculture.

OVERSIGHT HEARING: CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing: Chronic Wasting Disease”. Testimony was heard from William Werkheiser, Science Advisor to the Secretary and Chair, Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT HEARING: THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a

hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing: The Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Housing and Urban Development officials: Irv Dennis, Chief Financial Officer; Jeremy Kirkland, Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General; and David Woll, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3, the “Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019”. H.R. 3 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3, the “Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019”; H.R. 4665, the “Medicare Vision Act of 2019”; H.R. 4671, the “Help Seniors Afford Health Care Act”; H.R. 4618, the “Medicare Hearing Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4650, the “Medicare Dental Act of 2019”. H.R. 4665, H.R. 4671, H.R. 4618, and H.R. 4650 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 3 was ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING CORPORATE PRIORITIES: THE IMPACT OF STOCK BUYBACKS ON WORKERS, COMMUNITIES, AND INVESTORS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Examining Corporate Priorities: The Impact of Stock Buybacks on Workers, Communities, and Investors”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROMOTING INCLUSION: EXAMINING THE NEED FOR DIVERSITY PRACTICES FOR AMERICA’S CHANGING WORKFORCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Promoting Inclusion: Examining the Need for Diversity Practices for America’s Changing Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENDING THE HOMELAND FROM BIOTERRORISM: ARE WE PREPARED?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery held a hearing entitled “Defending the Homeland from Bioterrorism: Are We Prepared?”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Rakeman, Assistant Commissioner and Director, Public Health Laboratory,

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York; Umair A. Shah, M.D., Executive Director, Public Health, Harris County, Texas; and a public witness.

THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW: FOIA AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “The Public’s Right to Know: FOIA at the Department of Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from James Holzer, Deputy Chief FOIA Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security; Tammy Meckley, Associate Director, Immigration Records and Identity Services Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; Alina Semo, Director, Office of Government Information Services, U.S. National Archives and Records Administration; and Vijay D’Souza, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office.

VOTING RIGHTS AND ELECTION ADMINISTRATION IN AMERICA

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing entitled “Voting Rights and Election Administration in America”. Testimony was heard from Catherine E. Lhamon, Chair, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Strengthen the Voting Rights Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Sewell and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT HEARING ON THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST STEP ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing on the Federal Bureau of Prisons and Implementation of the First Step Act”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Hawk Sawyer, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons; Antoinette T. Bacon, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 2420, the “National Museum of the American Latino Act”. Testimony was heard from

Representatives Serrano and Castro of Texas; Eduardo Díaz, Director, Latino Center, Smithsonian Institution; and public witnesses.

THE CASE FOR CLIMATE OPTIMISM: REALISTIC PATHWAYS TO ACHIEVING NET ZERO EMISSIONS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “The Case for Climate Optimism: Realistic Pathways to Achieving Net Zero Emissions”. Testimony was heard from Hector De La Torre, Board Member, California Air Resources Board; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 2795, the “Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of 2019”; and H.R. 3742, the “Recovering America’s Wildlife Act of 2019”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Beyer and Dingell; Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director for Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4091, the “ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 2051, the “Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019”; and H.R. 1709, the “Science Integrity Act”. H.R. 4091, H.R. 2051, and H.R. 1709 were ordered reported, as amended.

CAN OPPORTUNITY ZONES ADDRESS CONCERNS IN THE SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMY?

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Can Opportunity Zones Address Concerns in the Small Business Economy?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHINA’S MARITIME SILK ROAD INITIATIVE: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE GLOBAL MARITIME SUPPLY CHAIN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “China’s Maritime Silk Road Initiative: Implications for the Global Maritime Supply Chain”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Giovanni K. Tuck, Director for Logistics, J4, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Chad Sbragia, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for China, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; Carolyn Bartholomew,

Chairwoman, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; and public witnesses.

INVESTING IN THE U.S. HEALTH SYSTEM BY LOWERING DRUG PRICES, REDUCING OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS, AND IMPROVING MEDICARE BENEFITS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Investing in The U.S. Health System by Lowering Drug Prices, Reducing Out-Of-Pocket Costs, and Improving Medicare Benefits”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS: CLEANER, STRONGER BUILDINGS

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Solving the Climate Crisis: Cleaner, Stronger Buildings”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 18, 2019**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, hearing entitled “AI and the Evolution of Cloud Computing: Evaluation How Financial Data is Stored, Protected, and Maintained by Cloud Providers”, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Online Platforms and Market Power, Part 3: The Role of Data and Privacy in Competition”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.